

135 Federal Grant secured for Trident-area Alzheimer's Project

(Columbia, S.C.)

caregivers under the grant.

ADCCRG at Reid House; and provide vouchers that allow increased services through the SCAA, the ADRC, and the Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP.)

Lt. Governor André Bauer announced July 5 the successful award of a \$325,000 grant from the U.S. Administration on Aging to the Lt. Governor's Office on Aging that will be used to improve access to home and community-based services for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia in Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester counties. The federally-funded project will focus on underserved rural and minority populations.

PROJECT SUMMARY (Prepared by LGOA Staff)

The SC Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging (LGOA) supports this Alzheimer's Disease Demonstration Grant to States in collaboration with the SC Alzheimer's Association (SCAA), the Trident Aging Disability and Resource Center (ADRC), the Medical University of SC Alzheimer's Disease Clinical Core Research Group (MUSC-ADCCRG), and Reid House of Christian Service in Charleston.

Goal 2: Expand consumer choice and consumer-directed long term care support for caregivers through the ADRC, FCSP, and SCAA to affect systems change. Objectives are to use vouchers for families to select services from an expanded list of providers, including possible family members or neighbors; provide information on options about community-based services. The project will evaluate the impact of interventions and disseminate project information.

"We are looking forward to a successful partnership with the local organizations that will be partnering with us on this project," said Lt. Governor Bauer. "Our office is committed to using every tool at our disposal to help the many South Carolina families struggling with this disease."

Goal 1: Improve access to home and community-based services for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (AD) by targeting underserved minority and rural populations. Objectives are to implement strategies that build familiarity and trust among underserved minority populations; provide outreach and screening through a mobile ADRC in the Trident region; provide outreach and education through Family Consultants who are part of the Reid House of Christian Service network; provide medical screening by MUSC-

Expected outcomes are increased access to needed services and information; increased consumer control; increased trust, familiarity and willingness to use services; and effectiveness of interventions in meeting outcomes. Products will be a Final Report for evaluation of interventions and outcomes, and lessons learned; training and education materials; and presentations for conferences.

The Lt. Governor's Office on Aging will partner with the South Carolina Alzheimer's Association, the Trident Aging Disability and Resource Center (ADRC), the Medical University of SC Alzheimer's Disease Clinical Core Research Group, and the Reid House of Christian Service to provide services to Alzheimer's patients and their

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